As regards the number of watchmen recruited subsequently through private agencies the information is being collected.

AD-HOC Allotment of Government Accommodation to Physically Handicapped

2914. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Government employee who is physically handicapped with minimum 40 per cent permanent disability is considered for *ad-hoc* allotment of residential accommodation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that a Government servant whose wife or children are physically handicapped with a 40 per cent permanent disability are not considered for *ad-hoc* allotment of accommodation; and

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to extend the facility to such employee in view of the fact that it becomes difficult for such Government employees to get any accommodation on rent due to their disabled wards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) *Ad-hoc* allotment is considered to certain categories of physically handicapped Government employees such as, the blind, the deaf and the orthopaedically handicapped. In the case of orthopaedically handicapped percentage of disability should not be less than 40%.

(b) The policy of the Government is to consider allotment of accommodation to physically handicapped Government employees and not on the ground of handicap of members of their family.

(c) No. Sir.

Import of Fertilizer

2915. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of glut in fertilisers due to poor consumption Government propose to import fertiliser during the current year and also during the next year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) Import of fertilisers is planned keeping in view the targetted levels of consumption and production of fertilisers. Based on periodic reviews of demand and supply of fertilisers, the current year's import plan has been cut down by 6.3 lakh tonnes of nutrients and no finished nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilisers are proposed to be imported during the first quarter of the next financial year. The import of these fertilisers during the remaining part of the next year would depend upon the gap between the supply and demand as may emerge on review. Since there are no known indigenous sources of Muriate of Potash, this material would be imported according to the assessed needs of the farmers.

Licence for New Sugar Factories

2916. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 418 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to reconsider licence